

ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN MAP LIBRARIES AND ARCHIVES  
**BULLETIN**

**ACMLA NEWS**

**Award to Geo Community**

The OCUL Geo Community's Historical Topographic Map Digitization Team has been recognized as one of the recipients of the 2017 OCUL Outstanding Contribution Award.

A small panel of OCUL Directors serving as jury members felt that the project met and exceeded all key criteria for the award.

With 18 separate institutions and organizations and over 40 individual participants (see [contributors](#)) the jury believes the project embodies the value OCUL places on networking, collaboration, and community.

The success of this project has had a national impact on the importance of historical topographic maps and their usefulness.

Congratulations to everyone involved!

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**Exploring the Landscapes of War: D-Day, Other Second World War Maps Available on GeoPortal**

Scholars Portal and members of the Ontario Council of University Libraries (OCUL) [Geo Community](#) are pleased to announce the release of a collection of Second World War military maps via [Scholars GeoPortal](#), a shared geospatial data repository. In commemoration of the 74th anniversary of the D-day landings, the OCUL Geo Community, Wilfrid Laurier University's Centre for Military, Strategic and Disarmament Studies (LCMSDS), the University of Waterloo, and McMaster University, have collaborated to release these historically significant maps to the public. The project aims to improve access to these maps by making them freely available online and offering visual exploration and download through the Scholars GeoPortal platform.

These 87 maps of various scales were originally part of a collection created by the Allied powers in advance of the D-Day landings on the beaches of Normandy on June 6, 1944. The collection includes various materials such as defence overprints, tank "going" maps, and flooding overprints. It primarily concentrates on those areas of Western Europe that were the focus of Allied forces in the initial months following the D-Day landings.

The maps were acquired by the [Laurier Centre for Military, Strategic and Disarmament Studies \(LCMSDS\)](#) in 1991 from the Department of Defence, Canada, and were recently digitized and georeferenced at the [University of Waterloo GeoSpatial Centre](#). Sheet-level description was done with help from the University of Waterloo GeoSpatial Centre, [McMaster University's Lloyd Reeds Map Collection](#), as well as the expertise of many others in the OCUL Geo Community. Digital scans of these maps, along with other historical military maps are available from the [McMaster University Library](#).

The digital collection can be accessed through the [Scholars GeoPortal](#) by clicking on the **Military and Intelligence** subject category, or by searching for "[Second World War](#)."

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## IASSIST & CARTO 2018

This year's conference brought together members of [IASSIST](#) and [ACMLA-ACACC](#) (CARTO), expanding the scope of the conference programme to include data specialists from a variety of fields and workplaces. The purpose of this joint initiative was to promote the development of long-lasting approaches to many shared concerns and interests in the growing heterogeneous data landscape. The conference took place May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 1<sup>st</sup>, in Montreal. The conference website, including the full program is available at <http://www.library.mcgill.ca/iassistcarto2018/>.

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